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RELOCATION OF SCALEBOARD BRIGADE AND NEW ARTILLERY BRIGADE CENTRAL ASIAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) During July 1980, the SCALEBOARD brigade in the Central Asian Military District, USSR, was relocated from Sary-Ozek SSM Mobile Missile Support Base () to Sary-Ozek IRBM Launch Site 1 () 8.5 nautical miles (nm) to the west-northwest. The former SCALEBOARD garrison was subsequently reoccupied by an army-level artillery brigade.

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2. (S/D) Major elements of the SCALEBOARD brigade were present on () at Sary-Ozek SSM Mobile Missile Support Base. Additionally, at least eight artillery pieces were parked outside the garrison. By () 16 130mm field guns M-46 with truck prime movers, four 152mm gun howitzers ML-20 with truck prime movers, and 16 100mm antitank (AT) guns with MT-LB prime movers were outside and adjacent to the main gate of the installation. Also, at least 17 SCALEBOARD canisters had been removed by () No SCALEBOARD-associated equipment, except for one MAZ-535/537 heavy-duty (HD) crane, was observed on imagery of () and the artillery had been moved into the garrison. By () another 130mm field gun M-46 battalion had arrived on flatcars at Sary-Ozek Railroad Yard () Figure 1), which is 7 nm south of the missile support base. By () at least two 130mm field gun M-46 battalions, one 100mm AT battalion, and a 152mm gun howitzer ML-20 battery were in garrison (Figure 2). A full 152mm gun howitzer ML-20 battalion had arrived by () and much of the equipment had been put into vehicle storage sheds by () This new artillery brigade is probably subordinate to the 17th Army Corps, which was previously without a subordinate brigade.'

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3. (S/D) At Sary-Ozek IRBM Launch Site 1, two SCALEBOARD transporter-erector-launchers (TELs), one probable SCALEBOARD resupply vehicle, four MAZ-535/537 HD cranes, and at least 21 probable SCALEBOARD canisters (some not shown on the graphic) were newly identified on imagery of () (Figure 3). Deactivation of this former SS-5 launch site began in January and had been completed by mid-April.

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1. DIA, DDB-1100-UR-79, *Ground Order of Battle (GOB)—USSR (U)*, Sep 79 (SECRET)

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